

SECTION D. PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

1. Adult Basic Education (ABE)

PROGRAM SUMMARY/PURPOSE:

Adult Basic Education is defined as instruction in language arts and/or mathematics provided to adults who function below 9th grade level (0–8.9) in reading or mathematics, or both.

Instruction in adult basic skills and literacy is provided in order to:

- Increase the basic reading, writing, speaking and numeracy/math skills necessary for adults to obtain employment and self-sufficiency and to successfully advance in the workforce;
- Assist adults in the completion of a secondary school education (or it's equivalent) and the transition to postsecondary education;
- Increase the basic reading, writing, speaking and numeracy/math skills of parents to enable them to support the educational development of their children and make informed choices regarding their children's education, and
- Improve basic English proficiency and literacy skills for those whose native language is not English.

GUIDELINES/REQUIREMENTS:

Program Eligibility

See Program Eligibility chart in the Executive Summary tab of this guidebook.

Assessment Requirements

See Assessment tab of this guidebook.

Curriculum

The Adult Education Task Forces are currently developing content standards for Adult Basic Education programs.

FUNDING:

An Adult Basic Education program is an allowable activity under all adult education funding sources (federal and state).